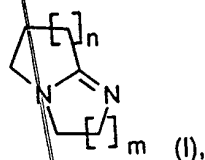


6. (amended)

A process for preparing a γ -alkoxyamine[s] by

- a) reaction of an α , β -unsaturated nitrile[s] with a monohydric, dihydric or trihydric alcohol[s] in the presence of basic catalysts at from -20 to +200°C to form β -alkoxynitriles, and
- b) subsequent hydrogenation of the β -alkoxynitriles in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst,

which comprises using in the first step a diazabicycloalkene catalyst of the formula I [as set forth in claim 1]



where from 1 to 4 hydrogen atoms on the diazabicycloalkene nucleus may be independently replaced by the radicals R^1 to R^4 , in which case R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 are each C_{1-20} -alkyl, C_{6-20} -aryl or C_{7-20} -arylalkyl and

n and m are each an integer from 1 to 6, and effecting the hydrogenation in the second step in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst and of the catalyst of the formula I.

REMARKS

The examiner is requested to favorably reconsider the rejection under 35 U.S.C.